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THURSDAY, JULY 8, 1899.

THE REGISTRY LAW.

THE decision of the Supreme Court yesterday, affirming the constitutionality of the Registry law, secures important new safeguards to the legal voters of this city. It requires no argument to prove that the existing system has afforded so many dangerous opportunities for fraud that general elections were rapidly becoming rather a test of the ingenuity and desperation of unscrupulous partisans than a reliable method of ascertaining the wishes of a majority of bona fide citizens.

As the Government is based on the idea that the majority shall govern, it is vitally necessary to prevent minorities from usurping power by fraud; and the growth of crime and population in the great cities, accompanied by the development of special talent for cheating at elections, has rendered the regulations which preserve the purity of the ballot-box in the rural districts, where every man knows his neighbors and fellow-voters, totally inefficient in the swarming hives of humanity.

Whatever may be the merits or demerits of the new Registry law, it undoubtedly furnishes superior facilities for excluding from the polls men who have no legal right to appear there; and every year supplies so many new illustrations of the imperfections of the present system, that its improvement has become vitally necessary.

The Democratic party, through their ablest lawyers and judges, have made a vigorous and ingenious opposition to this law on the ground that it is unconstitutional. Judge Sharswood summed up the argument, on their side of the question, with his usual ability, in the opinion he delivered a few weeks ago, embodying his reasons for granting an injunction against further proceedings by the Board of Aldermen.

The fact is that political parties are necessities in a free country. They counterbalance each other, and prevent any one man or set of men from obtaining undue influence or power. It is the people, after all, who carry on such a government as that of the United States; and however outrageous may be the conduct of the professional politicians who manage to get into office, the remedy for the ills they perpetrate is always in the hands of the people, if they choose to apply it.

The legal battle over the Registry law has been well fought on both sides, but the arguments of its champions, combined with Judge Agnew's opinion, prove that the victory has been justly won, and that there are no sufficient reasons for pronouncing it unconstitutional. The next step will be to set the new machinery in motion. In doing this, we hope that the Board of Aldermen will discharge their important duties honestly and faithfully. The great end to be gained is a fair election. We want no cheating on either side, and no partisan victories acquired by disgraceful and illegal expedients.

THE VIRGINIA ELECTION.

THE fears of the defeat of Governor Wells to which we gave expression on Tuesday have been fully realized, the Walker party having carried the State by a majority of about 40,000, and secured a majority of about fifty on joint ballot in the Legislature. The leader of the successful faction, however, claim that the result is an endorsement of the President's policy, and the chairman of the Walker State Executive Committee even goes so far as to congratulate the President on the victory which they have achieved.

PARTY GOVERNMENT.

PARTY government, as we see it in the United States and England, is the natural outgrowth of modern free ideas. Indeed, political partisanship is a practical impossibility in any country that has not at least a semblance of free institutions, and it consequently has reached its fullest development among the people that have approached most nearly to the ideal of perfect liberty.

There is a certain amount of truth in all of these objections, but the question is how are we to obtain anything better? Perhaps the ideal republic of Plato, if it were possible to put it into practice, would be the best government that could be devised.

A despotic government—for such only could fulfil the conditions that the Quarterly Review puts forth as preferable to the superficiality, the scrambling for office, and all the other weaknesses of political parties—has been sufficiently proved by experience to be no cheaper and no stronger in practical statesmanship than those where the largest liberty is allowed.

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gratifying to believe that it is largely on the increase at the present time. Let the independent voters be increased until they become a power in the land that politicians will be bound to respect, and then many of the evils of party government will easily be corrected.

THE CHINESE IN CALIFORNIA.

THE Chinese merchants have made an appeal to the Ways and Means Committee, now in San Francisco, which is a temperate and moderate expression of the disabilities under which they and their countrymen labor, and a request for justice, which ought to receive the candid consideration of all fair-minded men.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

FOR THE SUMMER—TO PREVENT sunburns and all discolorations and irritations of the skin, bites of mosquitoes or other insects, use Wright's Aromatic Tanning Lotion. It is delicately fragrant, transparent, and has no equal as a toilet soap.

U. S. OFFICE OF ARTIFICIAL LIMBS.—An appropriation (\$50,000) having been made by Congress for purchasing artificial limbs for officers of the United States Army and Navy.

CUSHIONS AND MATTRESSES.—Stuffed with finest hair or feathers are subject to moth, and the elasticity of springs is not only a more economical substitute, but is subject to none of these inconveniences, is indestructible, and its purity absolutely unimpaired.

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OFFICE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 8, 1899. A general meeting of the stockholders will be held at the office of the company on July 14, 1899, at 11 o'clock.

OFFICE OF THE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA. PHILADELPHIA, July 6, 1899. At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the company, held this day, Mr. JOSEPH H. HOLLANDER was unanimously elected Secretary, in place of Mr. William Harper, deceased.

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EAST MAHON RAILROAD COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 8, 1899. A Dividend of THREE PER CENT, free of State taxes, has been declared upon the capital stock of this company, payable in cash on and after the 15th inst.

THE BANK OF NORTH AMERICA. PHILADELPHIA, July 8, 1899. The Board of Directors has this day declared a dividend of 3 PER CENT, payable on and after the 8th inst.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, June 30, 1899. DIVIDEND NOTICE. The Transfer books of this company will be closed on Thursday, July 8, and reopened on FRIDAY, July 12.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY, TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 31, 1899. NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS. The Board of Directors has this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FIVE PER CENT on the capital stock of the company, clear of National and State taxes, payable in cash on and after May 30, 1899.

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